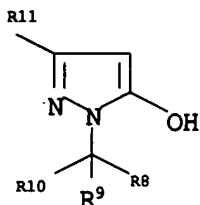


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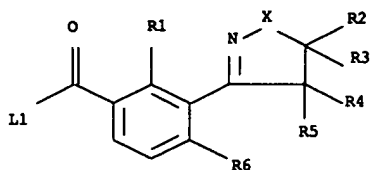
Claims 5,6 and newly added 14 should read as follows:

5.(amended) A process for preparing 3-(heterocyclyl)-substituted benzoylpyrazoles of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, which comprises acylating a pyrazole of the formula II

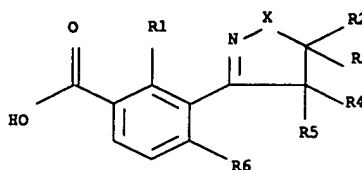


II

with an activated benzoic acid III α or a benzoic acid III β ,



IIIa



IIIb

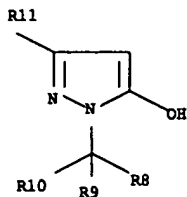
where the variables X, R¹ to R⁶ and R⁸ to R¹¹ are as defined in claim 1 and L¹ is a nucleophilically replaceable leaving group and rearranging the acylation product, in the presence or absence of a catalyst, to give the compounds of the formula I where R⁷ = hydroxyl and optionally, to prepare 3-(heterocyclyl)-substituted benzoylpyrazoles of formula I where R⁷ \neq hydroxyl as claimed in claim 1, reacting the obtained product with a compound of formula VI



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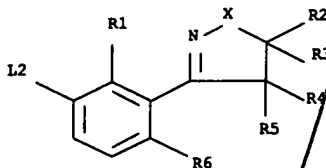
6.(amended) A process for preparing 3-(heterocyclyl)-substituted benzoylpyrazoles of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, which comprises reacting a pyrazole of the formula II

in which the variables R^8 to R^{11} are as defined in claim 1, or an alkali metal salt



II

thereof, with a 3-(heterocyclyl)benzene derivative of the formula V



V

where the variables X and R^1 to R^6 are as defined in claim 1 and L^2 is a leaving group in the presence of carbon monoxide, a catalyst and a base, to give the compounds of formula I where R^7 = hydroxyl and optionally, to prepare 3-(heterocyclyl)-substituted benzylpyrazoles of formula I where $R^7 \neq$ hydroxyl as claimed in claim 1, reacting the obtained product with a compound of formula VI

 L^3-L^{7a}

VI.

B² 14.(newly added) A process for preparing compositions as claimed in claim 10, which comprises mixing a herbicidally effective amount of at least one 3-(heterocyclyl)-substituted benzopyrazole or an agriculturally useful salt of the formula I is applied to plants, seeds and/or their habitat.
